



Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

Refugees Need Support Finding Affordable Housing

Would you like to establish a bond with refugees who appreciate your support?

Can you provide financial support for 1, 2, or 3 months rent for newly-arrived refugees?

Do you own an unoccupied apartment, house or ADU you can rent to our refugee clients?

If you can help, please contact Debbie Michels,
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JFS SV Needs Host Families for Temporary Housing Frequently Asked Questions

We resettle refugees who need temporary (1-2 month) housing. These are people who don't have a U.S. tie. We are hoping that *you* will open your hearts and homes.

What type of accommodations do they need? They need their own bedroom and bathroom.

Who are these people, and have they been screened? These are recently-arrived refugees from around the world who have gone through rigorous vetting.

Why should I open my home to a stranger? As Jews, we were once strangers in a strange land. The Torah tells us 36 times that we should welcome the stranger.

May I speak with someone who has already hosted? Yes, we will connect you with a current/past host family.

Will I need to do everything for these clients? No, they will be case-managed by JFS SV staff. They will go to JFS for ESL classes and for support to find a job.

Can I be compensated? Yes, we will compensate for your increased utilities.

Do they speak English? In most cases they can communicate with you in English.

Where are they from? All over the world but mostly from Afghanistan and Africa.

Will I be trained about what to do? Yes, JFS SV staff will train you.

What will I need to do? Provide a safe place for them to stay upon arrival.

JFS SV is one of only 3 agencies resettling refugees in Northern California.

Are there other ways I can help? Yes, you can become a volunteer driver or mentor, join our housing task force, or contribute toward refugee rent.

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